

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by Mark Nuckols titled “Exposing Liberal Hysteria About How Trump Is a Dictator?” was posted at townhall.com on June 11, 2020. (The writer viewed this article as a follow-up to his article titled “Is Donald Trump a Fascist and a Dictator?” which was posted at townhall.com on June 4 and was included in the “Eye on the World” of June 13. Following is the article.

It’s Berlin 1933 all over again, and Donald Trump and his brownshirts (i.e. anyone who voted for him) are on the verge of extinguishing American Democracy and installing Trump as Maximum Leader.

Politicians complain

“He behaves like a dictator,” tweets Senator Ed Markey of Massachusetts.

“We need to accept the fact that this president, if given the opportunity, will try to be a dictator,” according to Congressman Ruben Gallego of Arizona.

“Authoritarians, often mentally unstable people with deeply narcissistic needs, transform this kind of chaos into dictatorships,” David LEEGE, professor of political science at Notre Dame, quoted in *The New York Times*.

Note that I am citing here “respectable” polite opinion in mainstream Democratic circles, and not crazy leftists like the Socialist Workers Party. Although

these days, it is getting harder and harder to tell the difference between the SWP and the Democratic Party.

Facts about Hitler

So, I think it might be useful to take a brief look at the most well-known dictatorship in history, the twelve-year reign of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party.

By doing so, it is easy to expose liberal hysteria about "Trump is a dictator" as either woefully ignorant nonsense, blatant falsifications, or both.

Inferior people of democracy

The most defining characteristics of the Nazis were their belief that Germanic peoples were the "master race," that democracy was a corrupt and illegitimate form of government that should be replaced with strongman leadership, and that Germany should wage war to conquer, enslave and murder other "inferior" peoples. It was a program of the most horrific darkness.

During the 1920s the Nazis had been an obscure political party with marginal support. In the 1928 elections to the Reichstag, they got just 2.6% of the vote. And during the 1920s German politics was dominated by the center-right Centre Party and the center-left Social Democratic Party.

But in the wings, the Communists and the Nazis were determined to overthrow democratic government and impose their own radical dictatorships.

Extremists rose sharply

With the Great Depression hitting Germany hard, support for the extremists rose sharply. By 1932 the Nazis were the biggest party in the Reichstag, with 33% of the vote in Germany's multi-party system.

Meanwhile, the Nazis' brownshirts and the Communists' Rotfront were waging war against each other in the streets.

Hindenburg named Hitler

After several months of political maneuvering and an alliance with a much smaller quasi-fascist party (not Nazi sympathizers, but they hoped to control Hitler) Hitler was named Chancellor (essentially prime minister) by Reich President Hindenburg.

It was a fatal mistake by Hindenburg and Hitler's quasi-fascist partners, as Hitler was determined to overthrow Germany's democratic system and install himself as absolute dictator. The quasi-fascists were shoved out of the Nazi government, and the aging and feeble Hindenburg pushed to the sidelines.

Within 100 days

Once he was named Chancellor, Hitler and the Nazis moved swiftly, and within 100 days were able to smash all opposition and establish a total dictatorship. The Nazis unleashed a campaign of violence and terror against their opponents, not just the Communists, but all the opposition parties.

By decree, civil liberties in the constitution were suspended.

Opposition newspaper offices were sacked, leaders of the opposition parties viciously attacked.

The Communists were effectively banned.

Many leaders of the Social Democrats fled into exile, and party activists were driven underground.

Meanwhile, the Centre Party was cowed into submission.

In one last round of voting before elections were permanently suspended, the Nazis gained 44% of the votes, which with their quasi-fascist partners was just enough to gain a majority in the Reichstag.

Enabling Act

But the real coup was gaining passage of the so-called Enabling Act.

This law gave the Chancellor, Hitler, power to enact laws by decree, without any approval of the Reichstag. It also gave Hitler power to unilaterally suspend any provisions in the Constitution.

In short, Hitler now had in his hands all the levers of state power, with no legal or institutional restraints.

The vote took place in the Kroll Opera House in Berlin (because the Reichstag building itself had had been destroyed in a suspicious fire). It was an atmosphere heavy with violence and intimidation.

The historian Richard Evans quotes one deputy: "Young lads with the swastika on their chests . . . made us run the gauntlet, and shouted insults at us like 'Centrist pig,' 'Marxist sow.' In the Kroll Opera it was swarming with armed SA and SS."

Final opposition speech for 12 years

Otto Wels, the leader of the Social Democrats, gave the last opposition speech to be given in the Reichstag for twelve years. He concluded with the words, "Freedom and life can be taken from us, but not honor."

"Wels was not exaggerating," Evans writes. "Several prominent Social Democrats had already been killed by the Nazis, and he himself was carrying a cyanide capsule in his waist pocket as he spoke, ready to swallow should he be arrested and tortured by the brownshirts after delivering his speech."

Only legal political party

Within a few months, Hitler decreed the Nazi Party to be the only legal political party in Germany.

The Nazis announced a nationwide boycott of all Jewish businesses.

Trade unions were outlawed.

On the very day President Hindenburg died in 1934, all soldiers in the German Army were required to swear the "Hitler Oath," pledging allegiance not to their country, but "unconditional obedience" to Adolf Hitler personally.

And Hitler finally assumed his grandiose title of Der Fuhrer.

Nuremburg Laws

In 1935, the Nazi-controlled Reichstag passed the "Nuremburg Laws," which stripped Jews of German citizenship, deprived them of all civil rights, and forbade marriage between Jews and those deemed German citizens.

Jews were fired from government jobs, and forbidden to teach in universities or work in professions such as law and medicine. To emigrate, Jews had to give the Reich virtually all their assets as a "Jew tax."

By 1935 the Nazi regime in all its essential details was firmly established in Germany.

Aggression against neighbors

From dictatorship and racial terror at home, beginning in 1939 the Nazis would proceed to wars of aggression against their neighbors, and genocidal campaigns to murder millions of Jews, Polish and Russian civilians, Roma and homosexuals, and many more innocents.

Some 75% of Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe perished in the concentration camps. And although there are no precise tabulations of the victims, approximately 35 million people died in Europe during World War II before the Allies vanquished the Nazi snake.

None, zero, nada, zilch

So, which parts of this story apply to President Trump? Obviously, none, zero, nada, zilch.

Joe Biden is safe at home in his basement.

Rachel Maddow is still blathering away on MSNBC.

Congress is still in session.

And the radical leftists are still marching in the streets.

Nazi terror as political weapon

But that doesn't stop liberals from trying to tar Trump with the "dictator" or "would-be dictator" slur.

And sad to say, a lot of Democratic voters are ignorant, easily misled, and easily scared.

So, it is up to us conservatives to stand up to their lies, and insist on honoring the historical facts.

It is morally and intellectually obscene and profoundly dishonest for the liberals to use the memory of the victims of Nazi terror as a political weapon to win an election in our democracy.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled “Our Totalitarian Moment” was posted at creators.com on June 17, 2020. Following is the article.

America feels like it’s falling apart. That’s because it is.

There are two ways to achieve unity in any group.

■ The first is to set up a few serious standards of conduct, policed with the absolute minimum of compulsion, and then allow freedom in all other matters.

This was the founding vision for our federal government. In this vision, we agree not to infringe upon one another’s life, liberty and property, and we create a government capable of preventing or prosecuting such infringements.

Then, so long as we abide by those simple standards, we are free to pursue our own paths. Diverse ways of life can coexist within this broader group membership.

Governance becomes largely a matter of localism—places with homogenous values setting further standards for their group membership. But our broadest-group membership is easy to obtain and easy to maintain.

The founding vision for unity presupposed a flawed human nature—People were capable of sin individually but capable of the greatest sin when backed with the power of federal force.

The founding vision for unity also presupposed an agreement on the nature of rights and liberty—No man had a right to demand anything from his neighbor.

Furthermore, the founding vision for unity presupposed that our strongest bonds would exist outside of government—in our families, our communities, our churches.

The founding vision has now been abandoned in pursuit of something more fulfilling—a communitarian vision of reality in which the will of the mob is perceived as virtuous; in which every man has the right to protect himself from the vicissitudes of life and the cruelties of history by demanding redress from his neighbors; in which our strongest bonds are forged at the most centralized level.

■ This second path toward unity requires purification.

This path seeks homogeneity in place of diversity, top-down standards in place of localism. Standards for membership are not weak or broad.

Membership cannot be obtained simply by avoiding encroaching on others’ life, liberty or property.

Membership can only be obtained and maintained through strict compliance with an increasingly arcane set of rules and standards.

Politically, this means a demanding legal regime with heavy coercion. Culturally, this means braying mobs of ideological enforcers, casting out unbelievers into the cornfields.

This second model of governance is promoted by the political left today. In this view, diversity of viewpoint cannot be allowed; unity of viewpoint in all things is the predicate for all serious change.

Once the group has been purified, change will require only the snap of a finger.

No more gridlock; no more conversation. The collective can be activated quickly and powerfully.

This second model of governance is totalitarian in nature, and it is toward that model we are now moving as a society.

Politically, those who deny that the collective ought to have the power to override individual rights must be punished.

- Culturally, they must be exiled.
- They must be deemed unworthy.
- To stand up for individual rights in this climate means to be labeled a defender of privilege.
- To deny the systemic evil of the United States means to betray your moral unworthiness.

The great irony is that the second model of unity—the totalitarian purification rituals we watch before us—will never achieve unity.

It will achieve further division, as more and more people fall short of ideological purity, or refuse to bow before the ideological demands of the perpetual revolutionaries.

We could agree to live with one another, as individuals under the broader rubric of rights. If we don't, we won't be living with one another at all.



A video and an article titled "Tens of Thousands of People Evacuated After Landslide Dam Causes Flooding in Chinese City" were posted at newsflare.com on June 17, 2020. Following is the article.

Over 20,000 people have been evacuated after landslide and mudslide caused major flooding in a city in south China.

The video, filmed in Danba County in Sichuan Province on June 17, shows the mud damming a river, and diverted waters submerging streets and houses.

A landslide dam is a natural damming of a river formed by landslides or volcanic eruptions.

14 trapped people were rescued successfully while two are still missing, reports said.

The video was provided by local media with permission.



An article by Tessa Koumoundouros titled "A Breathtaking 'Ring of Fire' Solar Eclipse Will Adorn Our Skies This Weekend" was posted at sciencealert.com on June 17, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

From our perspective here on Earth, one of the most spectacular celestial dances appears when the Moon partially obscures our view of the Sun, allowing a ring of star fire to escape its edges. And on June 21, that's exactly the show we'll be getting.

The phenomenon is called an annular solar eclipse. It happens when the Moon is farthest away from Earth in its orbit, and therefore appears smaller in our skies relative to the Sun.

That small difference in apparent size is what sets annular eclipses apart from full solar eclipses, when the closer position of the Moon (with its average radius of 1,800 kilometers or 1,000 miles) makes it appear to be the same size as our far larger star, which has a radius of around 696,000 kilometers (432,000 miles).

A stunning—and unusual—example of this was captured by photographer Colin Legg and astronomy student Geoff Sims in Western Australia in May 2013.

In this case the ring of fire is also distorted by Earth's atmosphere, squashing the extraordinarily synchronized Moon and Sun as they rise, until they climb above the level of high refraction.

This weekend, a complete 'ring of fire' will be visible from central Africa and through Asia, commencing at 0345 UTC on 21 June 2020. Many other locations, from southeastern Europe to the northern tips of Australia, will experience a partial annular eclipse.

At the peak of the eclipse, the Moon will block 99.4 percent of the Sun as the pair graces the skies of northern India.

NASA notes you can be hundreds of miles from the line of totality and still enjoy an incredible view—just as long as the sky is clear enough, of course.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic circumstances with restricted travel, hard-core eclipse chasers will probably have to sit this one out. But we're cer-

tain those lucky enough to be along the line of totality will take the opportunity to capture the spectacular view and share it with the rest of us.

Several groups have planned livestreams so we all can witness the event as it happens, including Time and Date and the Virtual Telescope Project, which will begin broadcasting from 0530 UTC, 21 June 2020 (10:30 pm PT Saturday night).

The last annular eclipse took place late 2019, and the images did not disappoint.

“It’s only two minutes, but it’s so intense that you talk about it with your friends, family for the next month,” said geophysicist Alexander Alin, who observed the 2019 event in person.

After this weekend, the next ring of fire will occur in 2021, but will mostly be visible in its entirety only from the Arctic. However, a total solar eclipse will cross South America later this year.



An article titled “5 Secret Billionaires Who Don’t Advertise Their Wealth” was posted at yahoo.com on June 2, 2020. Following is an excerpt of the article.

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- Hassanal Bolkiah—the Sultan of Brunei
 - Dawood Ibrahim
 - Kim Jong Un—North Korea
 - Bashar al-Assad—Syria
 - Vladimir Putin



“Eye on the World” comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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- A Reuters article by Brenna Hughes Neghaiwi and Simon Jessop titled “World’s Ultra-Wealthy Go for Gold Amid Stimulus Bonanza” was posted at reuters.com on June 18, 2020.
 - An article titled “Virus [Was] Already in Italy by December, Waste Water Study Finds” was posted at medicalxpress.com on June 19, 2020.
 - An article by Tony Diver titled “China Restarts Lockdown in Beijing After Virus Discovered at Food Market” was posted at telegraph.co.uk on June 12, 2020.
 - An article titled “As Coronavirus Returns to Beijing, Schools Shut and Flights Are Halted” was posted at dnyuz.com on June 17, 2020.

- A Reuters article titled “Chinese Fighter Jets Buzz Taiwan Again, Stoking Tensions” was posted at reuters.com on June 18, 2020.
- An article by John Haltiwanger titled “Hundreds of Chinese Troops Reportedly Hunted Down Dozens of Indian Soldiers and Beat Them With Batons Wrapped in Barbed Wire” was posted at businessinsider.com on June 17, 2020.
- An article by Rajesh Roy titled “Indians Rage at China After Bloody Border Clash” was posted at wsj.com on June 18, 2020.
- An article by Tim Stickings titled “China Is Accused of Using Bulldozers to Redirect Himalayan River at Centre of Deadly Border Brawl with India as Satellite Images Show China ‘Constructing Roads and Bringing in Machinery’ ” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 19, 2020.
- An article by Isobel Asher Hamilton titled “The US Wants to Kill Part of An 8,000 Mile-Long Undersea Cable Linking Hong Kong With LA Over China Spying Fears” was posted at businessinsider.com on June 18, 2020.
- An article by Rosie Perper titled “Hong Kong Schools Have Been Ordered to Display the Chinese Flag and Sing the Chinese National Anthem As the City Begins Enforcing a Controversial Anthem Law” was posted at businessinsider.com on June 19, 2020.
- An article by James Carstensen titled “Germany Says US Troop Reduction Would Be a Mistake; Poland Denies Link With Planned Increase There” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 17, 2020.
- An article by Cody Weddle titled “Police Die Enforcing Latin America’s Strictest Lockdown As Peru’s Futile Strategy Unravels” was posted at telegraph.co.uk on June 19, 2020.
- An article by Rob Gillies titled “Canada’s Loss of UN Security Council Seat a Blow to Trudeau” was posted at apnews.com on June 19, 2020.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled “ ‘Yankee Imperialists’: Adversaries Line Up to Slam US at UN Human Rights Council” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 18, 2020.
- An article by Theresa Braine titled “Massive Sahara [Desert] Dust Plume Headed for Southeastern U.S., Could Bring Sensational Sunsets [and Slight Irritation to Those With Respiratory Issues]” was posted at phys.org on June 18, 2020.



An article by Walter Williams titled “Now What?” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on July 17, 2020. Following is the article.

No decent person can support George Floyd’s mistreatment, or the mistreatment of anyone else, at the hands of police officers with the sworn duty to uphold the law.

The Minneapolis authorities moved quickly, and Derek Chauvin was fired from the Minneapolis police department, placed under arrest and charged with second-degree murder and other charges.

The three officers who were with him were also fired and charged two counts of aiding and abetting—one for second-degree murder and one for second-degree manslaughter.

Peaceful protest in any cause is as American as apple pie, but what we saw in the wake of George Floyd's murder is as despicable as anything recently seen in our nation. What makes it worse is the silence and seemingly support in many quarters for anarchists who have hijacked the protests to promote their own ends.

These are the white liberals and leftist groups like Antifa who could care less about the major problems that exist in black communities and made worse by the rioting and looting.

"Black Entrepreneurs 2020 Trends: A look at African-American-owned businesses in 2020" is a survey of black-owned businesses. When blacks were asked how they view themselves in the present political climate, most were either "very confident" or "somewhat confident."

If that survey were run today, I doubt whether we would get anywhere near the same results.

Part of the difference would be from the government's economic shutdown of our nation but most of it would be the result of the recent wanton destruction within black communities. There are videos of legally armed black business owners standing outside their shops to protect them.

There are other scenes of black small-business owners in tears over the destruction of businesses that they've put their life's savings into.

My question to the white Antifa anarchists, and their fellow black looters, is how does the destruction of black-owned business promote justice for the murder of George Floyd?

The recent looting and property destruction, as well as the high crime rates in many black neighborhoods, have the effect of a law that outlaws economic growth and opportunities.

During the recent mayhem in black communities, stores of many types were looted and destroyed.

CVS pharmacy has closed 60 stores in 21 states amid looting and protests. Large stores like Walmart were looted and burned. Many smaller stores and businesses were looted and burned.

Who will bear the ultimate cost of the rioting? If you said black people, you are right.

Black people must bear the expense and inconvenience to go to suburban shopping malls if they are to avoid the higher prices charged by smaller neighborhood stores that have survived the rioting and looting.

Even when there is not the kind of social disorder of recent weeks, lawlessness is the hallmark of many black communities. Ultimately, the solution to this lawlessness rests with black people.

■ Given the current political environment, it does not benefit a black or white politician to take those steps necessary to crack down on lawlessness in black communities.

■ That means black people must become intolerant of criminals who make their lives living hell, even if it means taking the law into their own hands.

That brings me to one of the most disturbing aspects of the rioting and looting. That is the seeming impotence of people whom we elect and pay to enforce the law. That includes governors, mayors and police chiefs who refuse to use their law enforcement powers to protect citizens and their property from criminals.

Unfortunately, politicians who call for law and order are often viewed negatively. But that makes little sense. Poor people are more dependent on law and order than anyone else.

In the face of high crime or social disorder, wealthier people can afford to purchase alarm systems, buy guard dogs, hire guards and, if things get too bad, move to a gated community. These options are not available to poor people.

Their only protection is an orderly society.



An article by Evan Berryhill titled "Monuments, Memorials and the Mob Mentality" was posted at townhall.com on June 18, 2020. Following is the article.

We've reached a breaking point with cancel culture.

We've seen extremists topple and deface historic statues of Christopher Columbus and Sir Winston Churchill. Thousands have signed a petition to remove a statue in Boston featuring Lincoln and a freed slave. Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben are now canceled.

Cancel culture has come for the children's show "Paw Patrol." They tried to cancel Domino's Pizza simply for tweeting thanks to White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany 8 years ago for a compliment she tweeted at them. Next on the list will be classic shows like Seinfeld, characters like Barney Fife, and monuments for Washington and Jefferson.

Don't be mistaken, actions like the banning of the Confederate flag by NASCAR was a move in the right direction. That flag is commonly viewed as representative of hatred in America. It's entirely fair for businesses and companies to decide that allowing the Confederate flag to fly allows the wrong message to be perpetuated.

The same goes for the removal of statues dedicated to Confederate generals. For those on the right who claim to hate the snowflake culture that thrives on

participation trophies, isn't that exactly what these statues represent? Rather than allowing Confederate monuments and statues to be brought down in protest, cities could peaceably take them down and place them in a civil war museum where their past display would be taught as a part of their history.

But where does it stop?

- The mob is no longer merely seeking to rectify racial injustice.
- They've commandeered a movement in favor of the preferred cancel culture.
- The short answer is, for the mob it will never stop. They have been indoctrinated to hate America and view it as the root of all evil.

We've reached the point of *damnatio memoriae*—a Latin phrase meaning condemnation of memory. It's the total erasure of something from history as though it never existed.

What else could explain defacing the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial honoring the first all-volunteer black regiment in the Union Army?

Think about that. A memorial was destroyed honoring black individuals fighting under the American flag and carrying the American flag in the Civil War.

Only the complete hatred of America could explain the defacing of a statue in Philadelphia dedicated to Matthias Baldwin, an American abolitionist. This was a person talking about black lives mattering 150 years before it became trendy to post a black square on social media. The destruction certainly wasn't in the name of advancing African American causes.

We're seeing the Lincoln Memorial defaced, yet a statue in Seattle of Vladimir Lenin, a man in the conversation with Hitler and Stalin when it comes to evil, completely unscathed. There's no rhyme or reason for the destruction.

We've advanced beyond removing Confederate memorials, statues, and flags to a predominately white, uninformed group of liberals destroying any statue they come across with zero consistency. There's an obsession with attacking history without realizing in many cases they're attacking good history.

Would these people not have spray-painted graves at Arlington Cemetery if there wasn't a fence?

Would we be outraged if such a thing occurred? I can assure you that a gold star mother would not be pleased to show up and see the grave of her child defaced. If you think it's far-fetched, just look at the World War 2 Memorial in Washington, DC or the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

Just as no person is perfect, nations aren't perfect. That includes America. Luckily, we live in a society where those past and current imperfections can be discussed openly, reflected upon, learned from, and rectified in the future to help form "a more perfect union."

It is an impossible standard to meet when you attempt to hold people from centuries ago to the current standards of today, which have evolved over those years. Heaven forbid we're judged by the standards of the world 500 years from now when they look back on us.

Removing Confederate monuments is one thing, but if we continue down the current path of advocating for the cancellation of Paw Patrol and George Washington how far will it go?

Learning about our history, the way it has evolved, and what it represents is important. It's important to understand our mistakes of the past. Yet, all of those capitulating to the mob hoping to be spared, will still become future targets.

The mob has already canceled those simply for daring to offer a dissenting opinion. If we don't reign in the cancel culture now, we risk having nothing left.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled "The Monumental Campaign to #CancelAmerica" was posted at creators.com on June 10, 2020. Following is the article.

Across our looted plain, statues are under siege. Smashed. Spray-painted. Shrouded. Expunged. In the name of social justice, we are witnessing the systematic eradication of history. Edifice vigilantes will not rest until all monuments of Western civilization fall.

It matters not whether the targets were guilty of the tired old charges of patriarchal oppression and institutional racism. It only matters that marble and granite tributes to dead white men be replaced with garish "Black Lives Matter" street murals and St. George Floyd altars.

Trillions of tax dollars have been spent on America's War on Poverty. We've had four decades of affirmative action.

A black president held the White House for eight years, with a black First Lady, black attorney general, black homeland security secretary, black transportation secretary, black education secretary, black U.N. ambassador, top black senior advisers, and more than 400 black presidential appointees. It's never enough.

The current president has forked over criminal justice reform, expanded the "Opportunity Zones" money pit, increased funding for historically black colleges and universities and obsesses endlessly about the "black unemployment rate." At the urging of his pandering son-in-law, Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump is now promising to deliver left-wing "police reforms" first—instead of protecting law enforcement officers and their families in the crosshairs of violent antifa and Black Lives Matter extremists.

But it's still not enough. The monuments must fall.

Here are just a few examples of the indiscriminate ignorance fueling the "Topple the Racists" movement here and abroad:

■ In the heart of downtown Colorado Springs, an elegant statue of the city's founder was defaced last week with multiple "BLM" graffiti tags. General William Jackson Palmer was an extraordinary engineer, railroad builder and philanthropist who fought for the Union in the Civil War as a 25-year-old cavalryman. He won a Medal of Honor for his leadership during a key battle in 1865. After moving to the Rockies and earning enormous wealth, he quietly gave half of his fortune away—including substantial donations to historically black Hampton University in Virginia, which was founded to educate freed slaves.

■ In Denver, last week, agitators vandalized a 1909 monument standing outside the Capitol building with swastikas and "FTP" (f---k the police) slogans. The statue depicts a Union soldier and honors Coloradans who fought and died in the Civil War.

■ In the U.K., an anti-Trump outfit disseminated a hit list of statues that must be torn down, including one of former Prime Minister Earl Grey, who presided over the outlawing of slavery. The history erasers have already forced the University of Liverpool to rename its Gladstone Hall to remove reference to the former prime minister and Liberal Party leader William Gladstone. His father was a slave owner, so the monument police have decided that nothing else Gladstone achieved or espoused in four terms in office matters because he did not adequately renounce, disavow and atone for the sins of his father.

So, should Confederate displays, colonial landmarks and slaveholders' visages be deep-sixed to assuage the #CancelAmerica culture?

How do we confront past history if we dismantle it?

How does pretending away an entire generation of Americans and their progeny promote "healing"?

And where will it end?

Virginia's governor, Ralph "Blackface" Northam, announced plans to tear down the Robert E. Lee statue in Richmond, despite the commonwealth's legal guarantee in 1890 to hold the statue and pedestal "perpetually sacred to the monumental purpose" and to "faithfully guard it and affectionately protect it." A circuit court issued a 10-day injunction against the landmark's removal on Monday. But liberal lawyers are outraged that the law might actually, you know, matter.

"I am struggling to understand why the constitution doesn't *compel* the statue's removal," ACLU lawyer Matt Segal fumed on Twitter, "let alone permit its presence."

Oh, and which country's constitution might that be, Segal?

■ A Texas Ranger statue was yanked from Love Field in Dallas.

■ Jacksonville, Florida, is purging all Confederate monuments.

■ NASCAR driver Bubba Wallace has declared his intent "to get rid of all Confederate flags."

■ The National World War II monument was spray-painted with "Do Black Vets Count?"

■ The steps of the Lincoln Memorial were tagged with “Yall Not Tired Yet?”

Yes, I am tired.

Tired of watching Americans apologize for their founders and fighters.

Tired of thought police, speech police and memorial police imposing 21st-century standards on public and private figures from two and three centuries ago.

Tired of collective groveling that will buy no goodwill.

Tired of ingrates who will not stop at “reimagining” America until there is no America left.

In the past, when once-mighty civilizations fell, their statues—like Ozymandias—outlasted them. Now, the barbarians destroy the monuments before time can erode them. What a “colossal Wreck” are we.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled “Beware the White Supremacist Lynching Hoax” was posted at creators.com on June 17, 2020. Following is the article.

If you type “#HoustonLynching” in Twitter’s search engine, hundreds and hundreds of tweets appear. Thousands more appear under the hashtags “#Lynchings” and “#Lynched.” Social media activists supporting the Black Lives Matter movement have spread a terrifying story: Evil racists are hanging black men from trees across the country.

In the wake of the George Floyd incident in Minnesota and three weeks of riots, America is in the grips of a purported epidemic of white supremacist violence that harkens back to the Jim Crow era with noose-wielding Klansman lurking on every corner.

Except that it’s all a big fat lie.

Actress Deborah Brooks exclaimed: “Their (sic) LYNCHING our Black men and no one is screaming like hell! So I will, the white racists are LYNCHING OUR BLACK MEN! California, Houston Chicago.”

Ray McClusky, whose Twitter bio sports #EndRacism and #VeteransResist identifiers, fumed: “There’s no way they are suicide or coincidence. I think they are all connected & are serial murders by lynching. White supremacists are terrorizing the black community.”

Self-described “foundational Black American” Tariq Nasheed raged that “cops are working with white supremacists” to cover up the “lynchings.”

Rebecca Smirnov demanded to know: “Why isn’t the press reporting on these lynchings . . . How many more must die before the press connects the deaths? Who is investigating the #Lynchings?”

A BLM activist who calls himself "SJPeace" posited: "It can't be a coincidence. There is no reason to rule out that these were racial terror lynchings! BLACK LIVES MATTER!"

Just a few teeny, tiny problems.

The "black man" in the Houston suburb of Shady Acres who was allegedly a "lynching" victim was, in fact, a Hispanic adult male "whose family said he was suicidal," according to local authorities.

Moreover, of the other four alleged lynching victims lumped together by social justice propagandists:

- Bronx native Dominique Alexander was found on June 9 in a Manhattan Park. His death was ruled a suicide. The family has declined to comment publicly except to disclose that they are grieving and loved Alexander.
- Robert Fuller of Palmdale, California, had been the subject of a missing persons flyer describing him as having a "history of mental illness" before his body was discovered June 10 hanging from a tree.
- Malcolm Harsch of Victorville, California, was found hung from a tree in his homeless encampment 10 days before Fuller on May 31. His death was initially reported to police by his girlfriend who lived with him in a tent. Law enforcement authorities did not recover any evidence from the scene suggesting foul play. Family members who have stirred conspiracy theories in the media live across the country in Ohio. Harsch reportedly had both a long-distance wife and the girlfriend.
- TeTe Otis Gulley was a black, transgender homeless person who was found hanging from a tree in a park on May 27. He had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. The suicide rate for transgenders, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, is nearly 10 times the national average. More than 40% of transgender men and women in the U.S. have attempted to take their own life.

Fact: On average, one person dies by suicide every 11 minutes in the U.S.

Fact: In 2014, according to the American Association of Suicidology, "2,421 African Americans died by suicide in the U.S. . . . The overall suicide rate per 100,000 was 5.46."

Fact: Hangings accounted for 26% of suicides in 2010, up from 19% at the start of the decade, according to a Johns Hopkins study published just last fall.

But let's not let facts, or the utter lack of them, get in the way of expedient narratives to paint our country as irredeemably bigoted and unsafe for non-whites. Mainstream outlets from Voice of America to National Public Radio to *The New York Times* and CBS have all failed to tamp down the lynching hysteria.

Prominent, Twitter-verified influencers are fueling this Mother of All Hate Crime Hoaxes, too.

■ Left-wing billionaire Tom Steyer baldly asserted: “Black people are literally still being lynched in this country.”

■ Liberal writer and “comedian” Tony Posnanski tossed his echo into the chamber: “Five African Americans were lynched this week.”

■ And Democratic Rep. Joe Kennedy III lamented: “These horrifying deaths of Black men conjure up the worst racist sins of our nation’s past.”

Here’s the ultimate truth: Fear-mongering opportunists and anarchy vultures don’t care about the dead black men they are using to advance their America-smearing agenda.

Instead of confronting the nation’s suicide, homelessness and pandemic crises, we have callous race hustlers connecting random dots of real tragedies and conjuring up invisible hangmen to stir more hatred and division.

Somehow, all these conspiracy theorists have escaped the increasingly authoritarian regime of Silicon Valley thought policing, “moderation” tools or algorithmic discrimination directed at any who dare criticizes BLM.

On Tuesday, NBC News pressured Google to demonetize The Federalist and ZeroHedge websites because liberal activist reporters didn’t like the rival media outlets’ coverage of BLM violence.

There’s only thing hanging from the end of the rope at the hands of an out-of-control lynch mob—The credibility of American journalism is swinging in the wind. R.I.P.



An article by Tim Graham titled “The Media’s Broadcast Brutality Against Trump” was posted at townhall.com on June 12, 2020. Following is the article.

Liberals are beginning to swagger around as if the 2020 election is already over.

Eugene Robinson at *The Washington Post* exclaimed that President Donald Trump’s reelection campaign is “beginning to look like the Titanic.” Joe Biden should be preparing his inauguration remarks.

One reason for this arrogance is the absolutely punishing media coverage of Trump.

The coronavirus pandemic did what some might have thought was impossible: made Trump coverage even more negative.

Rich Noyes of the Media Research Center gave the following report.

■ From March 4 (when Joe Biden had basically wrapped up the Democratic nomination) through May 31, Trump coverage on the ABC, CBS and NBC evening newscasts was 94 percent negative.

■ In May, it was 99.5 percent negative, an all-time low.

- There were 474 evaluative comments about President Trump during this period, and 445 were negative.
- By contrast, there were only 85 evaluations of Biden, and 51 were negative (61 percent).
- They were nine times more negative about Trump.

This sounds a lot like the warp and woof of the 2016 campaign coverage, during which Trump drew the lion's share of media attention and it was overwhelmingly negative, while Hillary Clinton seemed like an afterthought. Even in the last three months of the campaign, Trump was evaluated four times as much as Clinton.

The Democrats thought that made her a shoo-in. It didn't turn out that way. Here's the problem for them.

Anyone who has spent time with these networks knows they have a throbbing, swelling urge to destroy Trump politically. They can't possibly be considered "referees" of presidential campaigns. One reason they've been so angry about the fate of "democracy" is they can't stand it when voters ignore their incessant advice.

Jonah Goldberg recently wrote a column in which he argued Trump must think his voters are idiots since he proclaims he is running against the media instead of Biden. Obviously, the media aren't on the ballot.

But Biden's attacks on the president cannot possibly match the media's 24/7 aggression and firepower. They are not some irrelevant bystanders, especially now that Biden is campaigning from a cold computer screen.

Their protective coverage of Lovable Grandpa Joe is just as transparent.

- Noyes reported that ABC, CBS and NBC could barely muster three minutes of airtime on how Biden told black voters, "If you have a problem figuring out whether you're for me or Trump, then you ain't black."
- NBC gave it a few seconds.
- ABC and CBS both rushed to "balance" the story with negative Trump news.
- CBS showed Biden was leading among black voters, 90 percent to 3 percent.
- When it broke that Biden, in his last days as vice president, joined a list of other Obama officials requesting the "unmasking" of an American who turned out to be incoming Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn—which led to a smear about the former Army major general being a Russian pawn—the story drew merely 62 seconds of coverage.
- 55 seconds on ABC
- 7 seconds on CBS
- None on NBC.

■ Voters who rely on these cynics for “news” wouldn’t even understand the Big Picture— that Team Obama improperly spied on the Trump campaign and was still trying to ruin Trump’s presidency during the transition.

Biden’s TV interviews are littered with please-trash-Trump questions, such as this beaut from MSNBC’s Brian Williams: “What is President Trump’s level of culpability—what’s his level of responsibility, say, toward the illness and fatalities we’re witnessing every few minutes these days?”

This sums up the tone of the latest evening news: How many Americans has Trump killed?

They hope their nightly onslaughts demoralize Trump voters and energize Biden backers. But to many Americans, this is not journalism. It’s badly disguised campaign advertising.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Demonstrating What Exactly” was posted at patriotpost.us on June 13, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

I don’t mind going on record as being against nearly all public events. I suppose those holiday parades with the big balloons staged by Macy’s in New York City are okay. For one thing, everyone knows about them and knows what streets to avoid if one isn’t a fan of crowds of people. I approve of 4th of July celebrations, especially in small towns where people are more likely to use the occasion to give thanks for being an American than in large cities where hooligans are likely to set off fireworks at all hours, scaring dogs and cats into a state of hysteria.

■ Right to assemble peacefully

Thanks to the Constitution, I accept that people have the right to assemble peacefully.

But, one, shouldn’t these assemblies have a point?

And, two, shouldn’t there be a time limit?

During the recent demonstrations in the wake of George Floyd’s murder, there was no point. The thousands of cops in America didn’t kill the man, Derek Chauvin did and he’s already been arrested and charged. So everyone should have packed up and gone home.

■ Criminals should be jailed

As for the rioters, they should have been arrested and jailed for their crimes, just as they would have been if they had been individuals and not members of a mob. Just because there are a hundred or a thousand people committing a crime shouldn’t result in a free pass.

■ What is the end game?

As for the end game, only the Democrats and villains like George Soros stood to gain from the riots. Anything that can be used to promote victimhood among blacks is regarded as a plus by the puppet-masters because it's assumed it will motivate them to vote for Joe Biden in a few months.

■ Repeating a lie doesn't make it true

The lie that cops, white cops in particular, single out young blacks for beatings and arrests has been pushed for so long that it's almost a truism by this time.

Bill Whittle, who has devoted his life to deflating the lies of the Left, devoted a seven minute video to setting the record straight. It seems that not only don't white cops target blacks, but the opposite is true.

■ Take a look at the facts

In a recent year, the cops shot and killed 662 whites and Hispanics, but only 258 blacks. And in nearly all 920 cases, the victims were armed and were shooting at the cops.

The same year, there were as astounding 6,100 black homicides, all but 258 of the victims were killed by blacks who weren't wearing blue uniforms.

In New York City, blacks commit 11 times more homicides than whites. In the Big Apple, 53% of the residents are white, 23% are black, but whites are only responsible for 3% all the shootings, while 75% of them can be traced to blacks. In other words, when shots are fired in New York City, blacks are 25 times more likely than white people to be holding the gun.

And finally, cops are 18 times more likely to be killed by a black man than a black man is to be killed by a cop.

I have long contended that even though blacks only represent 13% of the population, committing violent crimes is the one area of society in which they excel, leaving whites, Hispanics and Asians, in the dust.

■ George Soros gave \$130 million

In case you were wondering where all those out-of-town rioters were coming from and wondering how they reached every corner of the country, even places where black people are rarer than unicorns, George Soros, who simultaneously manages to give Hungarian immigrants, Jews, billionaires and people named George, a bad name, has financed Black Lives Matter to the tune of \$130 million.

For that kind of money, you can move a lot of troublemakers from one place to another, pay for a lot of placards and provide pallets of bricks for those so-inclined to cripple cops.

If Attorney General William Barr doesn't deal with the seditious Soros, we might just as well have Eric Holder or Loretta Lynch back on the job.

■ Every president does photo ops

It's no surprise that the knuckleheads at CNN and MSNBC took umbrage at President Trump's appearing at the burned out St. John's Church a few hundred yards from the White House. Making it even worse, according to the Atheists at the cable networks, was the fact that he had had the rioters cleared out of Lafayette Park and was carrying a Bible. They dismissed it as a cheap photo op.

■ Presidents want to show that they care

Well, it so happens that at least half the time this president or any president shows up in public, it's a cheap photo op. What the heck is it when a president shows up after a natural disaster? You don't notice him mopping up after a flood in Mississippi or carting off ashes after a forest fire in California. His appearance is merely intended to send a message that he cares.

■ Please notice who they support

So whereas one president might show up for the funeral of a black gangbanger to let gangbangers everywhere know that he shares their pain, another might show up, Bible in hand, to suggest he takes it personally when thugs set a church on fire.

■ Ripping the President; ignoring thugs

But what I found truly annoying was when the Episcopalian Bishop of Washington, D.C., along with the city's Catholic Archbishop, Wilton Daniel Gregory, both of whom are black, ripped the President.

The woman who heads up the Episcopalian diocese, Mariann Edgar Budde, made the following statement: "I am outraged. The President did not pray when he came to St John's, nor did he acknowledge the agony of our country right now, and in particular that of the people of color in our nation."

What I noticed was that she didn't say anything about the black thugs who set the church ablaze. I suppose she understood their agony and might have even supplied the matches and gasoline if anyone had thought to ask.

■ Ripping President; ignoring abortion

Not being religious myself, I feel a little uncomfortable about suggesting the proper way for clerics to behave. But wouldn't it have been great if these people had paid their respects to the President for his obvious concern over the destruction of an historical church instead of flaunting their blatant political bias?

But, then, you've probably noticed that these same people never express a discouraging word about Democratic politicians who promote and help fund abortions with our tax dollars. It even took months before anyone connected with religion even questioned the closing of churches or synagogues in violation of the First Amendment. They left that to secular people like myself.

■ Biden accidentally admits his failure

It's weird to hear Joe Biden speak about "a community that has had a knee on its neck for a long time."

It's weird because for eight of those most recent years, he and the first black president were in charge. But now, by his own admission, they didn't improve things.

■ "Racist nation" elected Obama twice

How dare Biden condemn his fellow Americans for "systemic racism"? This is the same nation that not only elected Barack Obama, but then repeated that tragic mistake four years later. Racist nations do not elect black presidents, Joe, you repulsive panderer.

■ Plight of inner-city

Still, although Biden naturally blames Trump for everything from the Wuhan virus to the fact that his expensive hair plugs finally gave up the ghost and took their leave, I don't hold him and Obama responsible for the plight of inner-city blacks.

Although Obama went out of his way to foment race hatred in America, there isn't much anyone can do about the great majority of urban blacks who are raised by single young, uneducated women; who drop out of school as soon as they can; and who opt for welfare instead of learning a trade or getting a job not related to illegal drugs.

Heck, most of them don't even have the wisdom or the spunk to vote for a Republican, preferring to remain on the Democratic plantation, just like their sperm donors and the sperm donors before them.

■ Killing David Dorn

In related news: A Minneapolis mob not only burned down a police station, but unwilling to take any chances, made a point of destroying evidence, ensuring that certain violent crimes couldn't be successfully prosecuted.

A full week after the original mob scene, the hooligans had become so emboldened they began shooting police officers, killing retired black policeman David Dorn, a 38 year veteran of the St. Louis P.D. Cops have also been beaten with garbage cans and run over by hit-and-run drivers.

■ That's how forests are destroyed

Maine's Attorney General Maura Healy opined: "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Yes, America is burning, but that's how forests grow."

No, Maura, you ninny, that's how forests, as well as nations, are destroyed.

■ Cheerleaders instead of doing their job

When I hear statements like that, I don't need to look in a mirror or try getting out of a chair to remind myself how old I am. I'm so old that I can still remember when attorney generals and D.A.'s used to think their job was to maintain the peace by sending villains to jail.

These days, especially with George Soros financing their elections, they see their jobs as cheerleading on behalf of criminals and doing everything in their power to keep black and Hispanic felons out of the hoosegow.

■ Over \$10 million

I'll close with the news that the GoFundMe page set up by Philonise Floyd with a goal of \$1.5 million to pay for brother George's funeral and travel expenses for the family passed the \$10 million mark two days before the funeral. I did wonder how much Al Sharpton charged for his services, but he doesn't come cheap.

A second GoFundMe set up by sister Bridgett to pay her own travel expenses raised more than \$300,000.

It makes you wonder if the Floyds were flying in from the moon.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Perverting America" was posted at patriotpst.us on June 15, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

[Warning: The following information in the first 11 paragraphs about Alfred Kinsey is graphic. This section continues down to the next bullet point.]

Probably no other person has ever done as much to promote sexual perversion in this country as the esteemed Alfred Kinsey.

Until reading about him in *The New American*, I knew that he had done his best to pretend that homosexuality was far more commonplace than it actually was in the 1950s. As I recall, he put the percentage of homosexual males at 10%, hoping to make it appear to be widespread throughout the population.

Apparently, as a teenager, Kinsey felt guilty about his homoerotic feelings and punished himself for having them. But, apparently, he didn't punish himself enough because he got over his shame because not only did he become bisexual, but he married a woman with whom he had an open marriage, both of them free to have sex with others. He was freer than she because whereas she only slept with men, Alfred would engage in sexual intercourse with anything that had two legs, which, from what I've learned about him, could include hens, kangaroos and penguins.

No surprise that Kinsey was an atheist; the surprise is that once he opened his Institute, he was never arrested. Apparently, it was his practice to not only engage sexually with the members of his staff, but to film them having sex with each other in his home's attic.

As part of his "scientific" research, he studied orgasms in over 300 children, ranging in age from three months to 15 years. That, alone, should have landed him in an asylum for the criminally insane.

He was also a liar. For instance, for his 1948 best-selling book, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male," he claimed to have interviewed a number of pedophiles. But it was later discovered that he had interviewed only one. He was also known to have interviewed single men he would identify as married because it suited his purpose.

He drew some of his more controversial conclusions about the general public after having mainly interviewed prostitutes and prison inmates.

Two years before his death, Kinsey and his staff churned out a second blockbuster, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Female."

When Kinsey died in 1956 at the age of 62, the New York Times, as usual, got it wrong, writing in his obituary that "The fact remains he was first, last, and always a scientist."

Actually, what they should have written was that he was first, last, and always a pervert and a con artist.

The man died, but his legacy lives on in many ways. The fact that pornography is a billion dollar business in America, that children as early as five years old are being sexualized in our public schools and that homosexuality has gone from being deemed a mental disease by the Psychiatric Association not that long ago to being deemed an alternate life style today.

■ Transgender movement

Worse yet is that it has helped to usher in the Age of the Transgender.

We are being led to believe that all on their own, little children are complaining of being trapped in the wrong body. Not terribly likely. I suspect that parents who wanted a son or daughter can now have their wish fulfilled after the fact.

Or perhaps the parents just want to feel special, to feel liberated from convention, by being the first couple on the block to have a boy change into a girl or vice versa.

It's a particularly terrifying thought for me because the only reason I was born was because, after giving birth to two boys, my mother desperately wanted a daughter, especially after her only sister had one.

■ College experience

When I hear youngsters talk about the necessity of having "the college experience," even if it sends their parents or themselves into debt, is there anyone on earth who believes they're referring to anything having to do with education?

They are definitely not talking about devoting four years to immersing themselves in the collective knowledge and wisdom of all mankind. Most of that is easily accessible at the public library or on the Internet.

What they have in mind are frat parties where teenage girls get drunk, and lose their virginity, consensually or otherwise, away from the prying eyes and clucking tongues of their parents.

I'm not saying that is true of all of them. There are some, after all, who are pursuing careers as engineers, doctors, attorneys, architects and medical researchers.

But if those signing up for liberal arts and majoring in Black, Hispanic or Lesbian studies or even in English Literature or Art History, aren't looking to spend most of their college time getting drunk or getting laid, they're wasting an awful lot of time and money.

■ Climate change hoax

I can't imagine there is a larger group of hypocrites than the folks who are promoting the Climate Change hoax. What most confounds me about them is that their hypocrisy is so blatant. For instance, the primary promoter of A O-C's Green New Deal is Bernie Sanders, who spent \$1.2 million on private jet travel during just the last three months of 2019, more than any of his primary rivals.

Michael Moore hasn't flown commercial in the past 20 years. Greta Thunberg came to New York to address the U.N. aboard a yacht that generated two metric tons of CO₂, more than a typical Swede generates in an entire year.

Al Gore, the founding father of the global warming/climate change hoax sold his TV channel Current TV to Al Jazeera, a network partly owned by the royal family of Qatar, whose fortune derives from petroleum. Then, there's the matter of his 10,000 square foot mansion in Tennessee and his two other homes. Want to bet the alarmist's carbon footprint is 50 times the size of yours?

But the biggest phony of all is Leonardo DiCaprio. For openers, he owns 13 homes and any number of automobiles, including four Rolls-Royces and a Lamborghini Aventador.

And he is constantly flying places in private jets, quite often to accept awards for his role in waging war against Climate Change.

This is the same egotistical blowhard who has lectured us to decarbonize the world in order to save it for our descendants. "Our world cannot be saved unless we leave fossil fuels in the ground where they belong."

He has argued that people who deny the existence of man-made climate change "should not be allowed to hold public office." Although, as I recall, he supported Bernie Sander's candidacy even though Bernie spent almost as much time in private jets as Leo did.

The New American reported that last year, "DiCaprio took a private jet to a Google climate-change confab in Sicily. He wasn't alone: 114 private aircraft and more than a few luxury yachts (which can burn as many as 530 gallons of fuel per hour) brought supposedly carbon-hating celebrities to the conference at the luxurious Verdura Resort, where they rode around in gas-gulping Maseratis."

■ She really said it

When Todd Dierdorff sent me a quote of Mika Brzezinski's, I let him know that even "Morning" Joe Scarborough's wife wouldn't dare be that brazen. But then I discovered that she had in fact said: "Donald Trump might be able to control what people think but that's our job."



An article titled "Household-Name Brands Filing for Bankruptcy or Closing Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic" was posted at people.com on June 18, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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- Neiman Marcus
 - The Children’s Place
 - Diane von Furstenberg
 - True Religion
 - 24 Hour Fitness
 - Chuck E. Cheese
 - Pier 1 Imports
 - J.C. Penney
 - Souplantation & Sweet Tomatoes
 - Le Pain Quotidien



“Eye on the World” comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Deficit

- An article by Melanie Arter titled “Conservatives: Feds Close to Spending More Than [Spent] on Revolutionary, Civil War, WWI and WWII Combined” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 17, 2020.

Federal reserve

- An article by Steven Pearlstein titled “The Fed Is Addicted to Propping Up the Markets, Even Without a Need” was posted at washingtonpost.com on June 17, 2020.

Finances

- An article by Anna Maria Andriotis titled “Americans Skip Millions of Loan Payments As Coronavirus Takes Economic Toll” was posted at wsj.com on June 18, 2020.
- An article by Greg Iacurci titled “A Tale of Two Recessions: Some Americans Thrive As Others Suffer” was posted at cnbc.com on June 19, 2020.

Stimulus checks

- An article titled “New Stimulus Package Could Include \$4,000 Vacation Credit” was posted at fox5ny.com on June 16, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to July 2019, an article by Adam Shaw titled “AOC’s Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate” was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2019.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

- An article by Sarah Al-Arshani titled “Austin Extended Its Stay-at-Home Order Until August After a Spike in Coronavirus Cases” was posted at businessinsider.com on June 16, 2020.

- An article by Gino Spocchia titled "Florida Bars and Restaurants Close Just a Week After Reopening" was posted at independent.co.uk on June 16, 2020.
- An article by Don Sweeney titled "Town [Oxford, Massachusetts] Shuts Off Gym's Water and Power for Defying Coronavirus Rules in Massachusetts" was posted at bostonglobe.com on June 18, 2020.

Coronavirus and religion

- Looking back to April, an article by Jack Jenkins titled "With Coronavirus Infections Linked to Religious Gatherings, Debate Rages Over Worship Amid Pandemic" was posted at ncr.com (National Catholic Reporter) on April 6, 2020.
- An article by Christina Darnell titled "Why Can Protesters Gather While Churches and Ministries Can't?" was posted at ministrywatch.com on June 10, 2020.

Coronavirus and sports

- An article by Chris Mueller titled "Baseball's Squabbles Risk Turning Fan Anger to Apathy" was posted at nytimes.com on June 9, 2020.
- An article by Grey Papke titled "Report: MLB [Major League Baseball] Threatens to Cancel 2020 Season Unless Players Waive Legal Claims" was posted at yardbarker.com on June 15, 2020.
- Looking back to October, an article by Jonathan White titled "NBA Players Silence [About Hong Kong Protesters] Is About Losing China Money, Says [Australian] Andrew Bogut" was posted at scmp.com (South China Morning Post) on Oct. 31, 2019.
- Looking back to May, an article by Kurt Helin titled "Report: NBA Would Lose \$900 Million in Television Money If Playoffs Are Canceled" was posted at nbcsports.com on May 15, 2020.
- Looking back to May, an article by David Wysong titled "LeBron James Is Being Forced to Pay the Lakers a Massive Amount of Money [Because He and 5 Other Players Have Already Been Paid Their Full Salary for 2020 Season]" was posted at sportscasting.com on May 15, 2020.
- An article by Jason Owens titled "NBA Players Learn How Much Money They'll Lose by Skipping Disney World Restart" was posted at yahoosports.com on June 16, 2020.

Comments about racism (real or imagined)

- An article by Paul Kasabian titled "Richard Sherman Says Jerry Jones' Silence on Protests and Racism 'Speaks Volumes' " was posted at bleacherreport.com on June 9, 2020.
- An article by Cassandra Negley titled "Michael Bennett: Roger Goodell Saying 'Black Lives Matter Is Almost Like a Slap in the Face' " was posted at yahoo.com on June 12, 2020.
- An article by Jason Owens titled "Donald Trump Would 'Absolutely' Support Colin Kaepernick's NFL Return [If He Is Able to Play Well]" was posted at yahoosports.com on June 17, 2020.

- An article by Nick Schwartz titled “Dwight Howard Says NBA’s Return Would Be a Distraction [to Black Lives Matter Movement]: ‘No Basketball Till We Get Things Resolved’ ” was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on June 14, 2020.
- An article titled “NBA Players Discuss [Not] Playing Amid Black Lives Matter Movement” was posted at [japantimes.co.jp](https://www.japantimes.co.jp) on June 16, 2020.
- An article by Stefan Bondy titled “For the NBA Players, Canceling the Season Could Devastate the Salary Structure for Now and the Future” was posted at [nydailynews.com](https://www.nydailynews.com) on June 16, 2020.
- An article by Jim Vertuno titled “Texas Athletes: Rename Buildings, Drop ‘The Eyes of Texas’ ” was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on June 12, 2020.
- An article by Christi Carras titled “Lady Antebellum Changed Its Name—But Didn’t Check First With the Original Lady A” was posted at [latimes.com](https://www.latimes.com) on June 12, 2020.
- An article by Coral Murphy titled “ ‘Boycott for Black Lives’: People Plan to Stop Spending in Companies That Don’t Support BLM” was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on June 18, 2020.
- An article by Tess Koman titled “Starbucks Has Reportedly Banned Employees From Wearing Anything Supporting Black Lives Matter” was posted at [delish.com](https://www.delish.com) on June 11, 2020.
- An article by Shawn Langlois titled “Boycott Starbucks? Coffee Giant Gets Slammed for Telling Workers Not to Wear Black Lives Matter Gear” was posted at [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com) on June 13, 2020.
- An article by Nicole Lyn Pesce titled “A Taco Bell Employee Was Fired for Wearing a Black Lives Matter Mask—Now Some People Are Boycotting” was posted at [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com) on June 18, 2020.
- An article by Ellie Bufkin titled “One Gutsy Grocery Chain [Pulix in Lehigh Acres, Florida] Rejects Political Protest Apparel for Employees—for Now” was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on June 17, 2020.
- An article by Laura Bradley titled “Taylor Swift Calls for the Toppling of Tennessee’s ‘Racist’ and ‘Evil’ Confederate Statues” was posted at [thedailybeast.com](https://www.thedailybeast.com) on June 12, 2020.
- An article by Rachel E. Greenspan titled “Violent Counter-Protesters Mobbed a Small-Town BLM Demonstration in [Bethel] Ohio Amid False Rumors of Antifa” was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on June 16, 2020.
- A video titled “Kareem Abdul-Jabbar: Why ‘Gone With the Wind’ Needs a Warning Label, Not a Ban” was posted at [thehollywoodreporter.com](https://www.thehollywoodreporter.com) on June 15, 2020.
- A letter to the editor by Ward Bukofsky (of Encino, Calif.) titled “Canceling ‘Gone With the Wind’ Puts Us on a Censorship Slippery Slope” was posted at [latimes.com](https://www.latimes.com) on June 17, 2020.

- An article by Kristin Salaky titled "Aunt Jemima Is Changing Its Name and Logo, Noting Its 'Origins Are Based on a Racial Stereotype' " was posted at yahoo.com on June 17, 2020.
- A video titled "Washington State Mayor [Cheryl Selby of Olympia] Says Black Lives Matter Movement Is 'Domestic Terrorism' After Her Home Was Vandalized" was posted at foxnewsvideos.com on June 18, 2020.
- An article by Ron Dicker titled "Arthur Ashe Statue Defaced With 'White Lives Matter' Graffiti" was posted at huffpost.com on June 18, 2020.
- An article by Savannah Behrmann titled "Texas Senators Cruz, Cornyn Dismiss Notions of Systemic Racism in Police and Society" was posted at usatoday.com on June 16, 2020.
- An article by Mairead McArdle titled "Sen. Tim Scott Declares 'We Are Not a Racist Country,' Argues Dems' Focus on Race Obstructs Police Reform" was posted at nationalreview.com on June 17, 2020.

Comments about police

- An article by Jacob Sullum titled "One Need Not Believe Every Cop Is a Bigot to Recognize That There Is a Problem" was posted at townhall.com on June 17, 2020.
- Looking back to May, an article by Bridget Read titled "Breonna Taylor Was Shot and Killed by Police in Her Own Home [in Louisville, Ky., on March 13]" was posted at thecut.com on May 14, 2020.
- An article titled "Louisville Passes Ban on No-Knock Warrants Called 'Breonna's Law' " was posted at cbsnews.com on June 13, 2020.
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- An article by Kelly McLaughlin titled "Chicago's Police Union President Says Officers Who Kneel With Black Lives Matter Protesters Could Be Kicked Out of the Organization" was posted at businessinsider.com on June 12, 2020.
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- An article by Taylor Nicole Rogers titled "Netflix Billionaire Reed Hastings Is Building a 2,100-Acre Luxury Training Camp for Teachers in Rural Colorado" was posted at BusinessInsider.com on June 16, 2020.
- An article by Lydia O'Connor titled "John Bolton Says Reelection Is 'Only Thing That Mattered' to Trump" was posted at HuffPost.com on June 12, 2020.
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Kamala Harris

- An article by Adrian Carrasquillo titled "Criminal Justice Backgrounds of Kamala Harris, Val Demings Come Into Question As Joe Biden Shortlists Them for VP" was posted at Newsweek.com on June 15, 2020.

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- An article by Lindsey Ellefson titled "Jeff Zucker Reminds CNN Employees They're Still Not Allowed to Participate in Protests" was posted at TheWrap.com on June 12, 2020.

- An article by Aaron Feis titled “Chelsea Handler, Other Celebs Praise Clip of Louis Farrakhan on Instagram” was posted at nypost.com on June 16, 2020.
- An article by Oli Coleman titled “TV Networks Hire Private Investigator [Edward Myers] to Scope Stars’ Social Media for Racism” was posted at page-six.com on June 17, 2020.
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- An article by Nathanael Blake titled “Christians Have Very Good Reasons to Fear An Increasingly Hostile American Regime” was posted at thefederalist.com on June 17, 2020.
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- An article by Dominic Patten titled “Reopening Hollywood: NBCUniversal Begins Return to Work on the Lot, Tests COVID-19 Production Protocols” was posted at deadline.com on June 18, 2020.



Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”